

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SAMPLE FILTERING METHOD USING  
SAMPLE COLLECTING CONTAINER, JIG  
AND SAMPLE COLLECTING CONTAINER

Examiner: Dwan A. Gerido

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 22, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.